

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 836 without my signature.

Earlier this year, I issued an Executive Order directing the State's Chief Information Officer (CIO) to establish the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Digital Literacy Council for the purposes of developing a California Action Plan for ICT Digital Literacy. The CIO is charged with working with stakeholders in both the education and technology fields to develop a plan to incorporate digital literacy in our schools and workforce.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to establish a task force for education technology, funded by private donations. The SPI does not need additional statutory authority to convene an internal task force for this purpose. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger